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Budget and Taxation Committee
The Honorable Senator Guy Guzzone, Chairman
3 West
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: **Senate Bill 763** –Somerset County – Sale of Property- Revells Neck Road– **Letter of Support**

Dear Senator Guzzone and Committee Members:

The Board of Commissioners for Somerset County wish to state their support of Senate Bill 763 – Sale of Property- Revells Neck Road.

The passage of this local bill will allow The Board of Commissioners for Somerset County to sell the property on Revells Neck Road, County Tax Map 32, Parcel 149 under terms considered appropriate, and allow the county to forgo the requirement to only be permitted to sell the property by sealed bid or auction.

Thank you for your consideration, and we therefore recommend a **favorable report** on SB 763 that will allow Somerset County to sell the property in a way that will best serve in the best interests of the county.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Charles Laird'.

Charles Laird
President

Cc: Senator Carozza

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February 21, 2024

The Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

**SB 763 – Somerset County – Sale of Property – Revells Neck Road
Statement of Support by Bill Sponsor Senator Mary Beth Carozza**

Thank you Chair Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe, and members of the distinguished Senate Budget and Taxation Committee for this opportunity to present Senate Bill 763 – Somerset County – Sale of Property – Revells Neck Road.

This local, enabling legislation would authorize the Somerset County Commissioners to sell in whole or in part Somerset County Industrial Park located on Revells Neck Road under terms agreed to by the Somerset County Commissioners.

Nineteen years ago, Somerset County officials signed a memorandum of understanding with Wal-Mart which promised to open a general merchandise distribution center that would employ as many as 450 people. In anticipation of this distribution center, the property was rezoned from Agricultural-Residential to Light Industrial and the county and State invested in upgrades including a traffic light at the intersection at U.S. 13 and Revells Neck Road. Unfortunately, this distribution center never materialized.

In 2023, Somerset County used \$3.3 million from the Rural Maryland Economic Development Fund to purchase the 167 acres from the estate of the late Mitchell Bonneville Jr. who had purchased the property from Wal-Mart in 2019 before his passing.

The Somerset County Commissioners fully intend to create an industrial park for single and multiple site development at this property, and this legislation would enable the Somerset County Commissioners to achieve this goal.

Under current law, Somerset County would only be able to sell this surplus property by sealed bid or by public auction. Somerset County simply wants the authority to be able to negotiate the sale of this property. The Somerset County Commissioners fully intend to create an industrial park for single and multiple site development at this property, and this legislation would enable the Somerset County Commissioners to achieve this goal.

I thank you for your kind attention and consideration, and I respectfully request a favorable report on SB 763, this local Somerset County bill.

Senate Delegation Support - Committee Requirement.

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Dear Chairman Guzzone,

The Somerset County Delegation supports Senate Bill 763 – Somerset County – Sale of Property – Revells Neck Road. I thank you for your committee's consideration of this bill and request a favorable report.

In Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Beth Carozza".

MARY BETH CAROZZA
State Senator – District 38
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